



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 15.

Just returning to Philadelphia from an eight-months' tour of the world, H. I. Ireland, president of the Ireland Advertising Agency, declares his belief that every Englishman thinks Germany wants to fight England, and on the other side of the world Japan harbors deep a hope that it will some time have an opportunity to measure strength with the United States. People in the United States and Japan who are in positions to know scout the idea of a conflict between the two countries. Japan will have for many years her hands full in attempts to thwart the rise of China and to ward off Russia which is still smarting over her recent humiliation, as well as the resentment of Korea which has been absorbed by Nippon. Apart from these constant menaces the Mikado's empire is now suffering from flood and famine, from which it will take time to recuperate.

American society women henceforth may take aboard wearing apparel and personal effects, including gowns, jewelry, etc., and have them remodeled or repaired in Paris, London or elsewhere, and on their return pay duty only on the alterations, instead of the entire effects, as now. This news, gratifying to a host of more or less rich people, is conveyed in a decision of the Treasury Department, signed by Secretary MacVeagh and made public Saturday. On the other hand when a woman of humble means goes to a store to buy an ordinary dress she has to pay the full price of the goods with the full tariff added.

That other arrests are to follow the investigations into the alleged mining stock deals which caused William T. Wintemute, of New York, to be taken into custody and his record books and literature to be seized, is the intimation offered by postoffice inspectors. Hundreds of complaints have been received against promoters distributing stock of western mines. These complaints have been investigated and developments in the shape of arrests are expected soon to take place. Warren Dickson, head of the postoffice inspectors, says that the American people have lost \$50,000,000 in fake mining schemes in the last ten years.

The Riker & Hegeman Company is the name of the new corporation which combines the rival chain of drug stores in New York hitherto operated by the Riker & Son Company and Hegeman & Company. At the same time it is announced that the combine will at once begin to open stores in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and other cities after the fashion set by the tobacco trust. Notwithstanding the laws against combines and trusts they seem to increase and multiply.

A MINISTER in Philadelphia is using moving pictures in his attacks upon the citadels of sin. At the Race street pier last evening about 1,000 people, including many children, gathered to see the moving picture sermon which was conducted by Rev. A. H. Rankin. Mr. Rankin first depicted in a series of slides the effects of intoxication and gambling and subsequently delivered his sermon against these vices.

The official announcement of the appropriations made at the last session of Congress, now published, shows the total of \$1,027,901,729, besides contracts for future public works which will require \$70,945,555 more. An increase of 4,259 new offices or employments resulted from new legislation at an increased expenditure of \$4,459,978. Relief will never come to the overburdened taxpayers till they "turn the rascals out."

Twenty-six dealers and agents for wholesale foods were arrested in Pittsburgh last week for gross violations of the pure food laws, and next day were convicted and fined. This was swift justice, but if a jail sentence had been added the culprits would never again violate a pure food law.

Bees Attack Minister.
Bloomington, Pa., Aug. 15.—Responding to the appealing hymn, "Bring Them in From the Fields of Sin," an army of black-headed bumblebees a day or two ago attacked the shining pate of the Rev. S. C. Dickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Bloomington, at the moment he was starting a hymn in a religious service incident to a congressional outing at the county home of one of his parishioners. The service was broken up.

Planning for Ocean Flight.
Gloucester, Mass., August 15.—Walter Wellman, aviator and arctic explorer, left today for Atlantic City to commence a series of preliminary flights in his dirigible balloon up and down the coast, preparatory to his planned flight across the Atlantic. Next September, Wellman's airship is of Zeppelin type, but dispenses with the inner braces, is 225 feet long and equipped with two 80-horsepower engines.

FROM WASHINGTON.

A frayed piece of old clothes line today served as a noose just long enough before breaking to end the life of Benj. Caldwell, a laborer, 50 years old and out of work. Caldwell tied the rope to the transome, slipped the noose round the neck, stepped on a chair. The rope soon gave way and he fell to the floor, the noise attracting lodgers in adjoining rooms who called a doctor, but the man was dead before aid arrived.

In the congressional districts of the country, which number 391, the democrats have made nominations in 180 and the republicans in 143. Primaries to be held tomorrow in California and Nebraska will result in nominations being made in 14 districts. The first election results will come from Maine where the election will be held in September 12 and four members of the House will be chosen.

A letter received by the department of justice today from an attorney from John K. Walsh stated that a petition for the pardon of Walsh would be filed about September 1. Walsh is a Chicago banker who is serving a term for violation of the banking laws.

Figures announced by the internal revenue service today show that in the fiscal year ended July 31 the citizens of the United States drank 126 million gallons of whiskey; 59 million barrels of beer and ale; smoked eight billion cigars and seven billion cigarettes. The government profited by these facts to the extent of \$289,728,014, the total collected as internal revenue. Playing cards contributed \$565,524, in revenue and oleomargarine produced more than a million.

The census bureau today announced that the present population of Pittsburgh, Pa., is 533,905 which is an increase since 1900 of 82,393. The population of Syracuse, N. Y., was announced as 137,249 showing an increase over 1900 of 28,875. The increase shown for Pittsburgh is reached by finding the difference between the present population and the combined population of Pittsburgh and Allegheny in 1900. Allegheny has been consolidated with Pittsburgh since the 1900 census. The population of Pittsburgh alone in 1900 was 321,616.

Additional fortifications at the entrance of Chesapeake bay for the better protection of Washington and Baltimore are contemplated in plans today under consideration at the War Department for the erection of an artificial island with powerful batteries between the Virginia capes. Military authorities believe that the most powerful batteries in the world should be placed at this point regardless of cost, as they consider it vulnerable and inadequately protected by the guns of Fortress Monroe. They advise that every possible coast defense be maintained there. Two years ago the Taft board of coast defense recommended the construction of this island defense asking an appropriation of \$2,600,000 for the island and breakwater and \$6,108,871 for the batteries. What the present plans contemplate in this regard has not yet been announced, but it is expected that a meeting of the board of ordnance and fortifications will soon be held to complete the plans.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today served notice on all western railroads that a hearing will be held in Chicago on August 22, when a general increase in freight rates, which the railroads wish to make effective Nov. 1, will be considered. The commission will consider the propriety and the lawfulness of the proposed increases.

John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics was elected today as president of the Sixth International Congress of the World's Association of Esperantists which is being held this week. Owing to his illness, Mr. Barrett is unable to officiate and Dr. H. W. Yeamans, who today was chosen vice president, will act as chairman.

Taft and Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Fresh from his conference with President Taft at Beverly, Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York county republican committee, arrived here today. When asked whether he carried a message from the president to Mr. Roosevelt, he refused to reply directly, declaring that anything he had to say would have to wait until his conference ended. One of the reasons for his visit was to discuss with Roosevelt the proposition that the latter be chairman of the republican state convention at Saratoga. The call for the convention is to be sent out tomorrow and Griscom is understood to have been told by Roosevelt that he will be delighted to be the temporary chairman and in that capacity to sound the "key note" in his speech.

Friends of Roosevelt believed that Griscom was the bearer of a request that Roosevelt endorse before starting west the full attitude of the administration toward Cannon, Aldrich and Ballinger, and they expressed the opinion that he would be disappointed.

Roosevelt will make his speeches exactly as planned, they said, and he will emphatically endorse what have come to be known as the Roosevelt policies and the men will support them. He will permit the Taft supporters to take whatever comfort they desire out of these speeches, it is declared. Roosevelt, his friends here say, cannot see any material difference between Senators Aldrich and Crane, so far as their prospective support of the progressive movement is concerned. The New York republican platform and prospective candidates for governor were talked over at Sagamore Hill today. It is understood that Griscom suggested the direct primary plank should be emphatically and follow closely the recommendations of Governor Hughes. On that point Mr. Roosevelt is expected to hold a conference in New York tomorrow with members of the republican state committee who are to call on him at his office there.

The Harmsworth Cup.
New York, Aug. 15.—The three British motorboats that will compete in the races on Long Island Sound next Saturday for the Harmsworth international challenge cup, arrived here today on the steamer Minnetonka.

They are the Maple Leaf, owned by Major Edgar C. Zuercher, owned by Daniel Handbury, and a hydroplane, unnamed, owned by the Duke of Westminster. The boats will be placed in commission tomorrow and will have daily tuning up spins to put them in condition.

FLOODS IN JAPAN.

Thousands of Persons Believed to Have Perished—DANGER OF Epidemic.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Tokio's unprecedented floods has already claimed 700 lives, according to estimates made today, with the prospects that the total deaths will run into the thousands as the result of the destitute condition of the sufferers and the inability of the authorities to render any but the slowest relief. There is the gravest danger also of an epidemic sweeping the city, as it is now certain that it will be days before some of the submerged section can be cleaned and disinfected.

The waters of the Tone river have not risen since yesterday, but the expected subsidence the moment the crest of flood was reached, has well materialized, and the suburbs, as well as about one-third of the city proper are still under water.

The police and other city authorities are making a heroic effort to distribute food to the victims by means of boats, but the service is wholly inadequate and thousands are not being provided for. Owing to the cutting off of transportation lines, the city's food supply is running short and the situation bids fair to become acute.

Even the well-to-do people of the city who have not been reached by the flood are on short rations and will remain so until food supplies can be brought in. The government is considering the advisability of confiscating the stocks of food now hand.

Reports that come in from other cities show conditions elsewhere to be nearly as bad as in Tokio. Yokohama and Nagasaki have been hard hit and the deaths there will into the hundreds.

The Crippen Case.

London, Aug. 15.—Owing to the recent death of Coroner Thomas, who held the first inquest on the death of the woman supposed to be Mrs. Belle Elmore Crippen, wife of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, it was necessary to begin all over today when the inquest was resumed. Deputy Coroner Schroeder was in charge of today's investigation.

Solicitor Williamson represented the prosecution, Solicitor Newton appeared for Dr. Crippen, who is now in jail in Quebec, and Solicitor J. H. Watts for Miss Ethel Clare Leneve, Crippen's typist, who is also under arrest in Quebec. The testimony of the experts who examined the remnants of the body supposed to be that of Mrs. Crippen, and who gave it as their opinion that the body was that of a woman of Mrs. Crippen's size and that the victim had recently undergone an operation, was submitted at today's hearing. At the request of Newton, the inquest was adjourned until September 9, after a sitting of three hours.

A Cave-In.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 15.—The work at Massena, where a disastrous cave-in is reported to have occurred today, was the building of a large addition to the power house of the Aluminum Company of America, whose principal plant is in this city. Officials of the company here have received no particulars yet as to the extent of the disaster. The architects who have charge of the extension are T. A. Gillespie & Company, New York.

New York, Aug. 15.—At the offices of T. A. Gillespie & Company, contractors, at 50 Church street, it was admitted that the officials of the company had heard of the disastrous cave-in at Massena, but all information as to details was refused.

Mayor Gaynor Still Improving.

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 15.—The condition of Mayor Gaynor was declared by the attending surgeons today to be excellent. While it is agreed that he is not yet out of danger, he is progressing to such an extent that the doctors are now willing privately to admit that they expect an uninterrupted recovery, although they say it is too soon to make such an announcement officially. The 9 o'clock bulletin was reassuring, as it showed that the temperature of the mayor and his pulse were about normal.

It was stated at noon that if the present improvement in Mayor Gaynor's condition continues he will be able to leave hospital by August 28.

Tomorrow's Primary in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 15.—Nebraska voters will tomorrow engage in the most exciting primary battle in the state's history. Because anti-saloonists were able to force the county option issue to the front, the forecasters are out of business.

The senatorship and governorship are the two big stakes. Gov. Shallenberger, because he signed the 8 o'clock closing law, is the target of a bitter fight on the part of the democratic "wets" who are lined up behind Mayor "Jim" Denevan, of Omaha. The new primary law makes the ballot open, and permits republicans or democrats to vote with the opposite party. Dahlman is claiming the support of thousands of republicans. Dahlman's chances, in fact, hinge largely upon his success in attracting republican support, as the democratic drift of the past three weeks has been toward Shallenberger.

Equally exciting has been the campaign between Congressman Hitchcock and Richard L. Metcalfe, Bryan's assistant editor, for the senatorial nomination. Hitchcock is favored by the wets and Metcalfe by the dries. Willis E. Reed, of Madison, promises to be a poor third in the race.

The republicans, meanwhile, have been having troubles of their own. State Senator Aldrich is supported for governor by the dry element, while ex-Senator Cady is favored by the wets.

United States Senator Burkett is opposed by Charles O. Whedon, a radical progressive.

The renomination of Burkett, who has the backing of the organization and several hundred postmasters and federal officeholders, appears to be almost a certainty.

FIRE IN BRUSSELS.

Universal International Exhibition in Ruins—Loss Estimated at \$20,000,000—No Lives Lost, but Many Persons Injured.

Brussels, Aug. 15.—The Brussels Universal International Exhibition is practically at an end today, as the result of the fire which, beginning last evening and continuing until an early hour today, wiped out two-thirds of the buildings and exhibits and entailed a loss that is estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. No lives were lost, it was found today, but at least forty persons were injured in the stampede in the "Bruxelles Kermeesse," a sort of American White City. The officials of the exposition are now in conference and it is probable that the exhibition, which opened on April 23, will be closed out as soon as possible. The fire, which resulted from a short circuit in the telegraph building, completely destroyed the Belgian and British sections and practically ruined the international gallery, in which were the exhibits of America, Austria, Russia, Denmark, Norway, Japan, Turkey and Switzerland. The French section was also virtually destroyed. This section was filled with priceless works of art, of which those that escaped the flames were ruined by smoke and water. The flames were not checked until they had reached the Italian section, which was slightly damaged. Practically the whole of one side of the Avenue des Nations, the central thoroughfare of the exposition groups, was wiped out. A number of private houses on the Avenue Solbosch were also burned.

Millions of dollars worth of diamonds, lace, tapestries and art works were destroyed. The loss of these valuables is what makes the loss swell to such tremendous figures, as all the aristocrats and galleries of the old world had been ransacked for the benefit of the exposition. There was little insurance on many of these exhibits, and scores of exhibitors are facing financial ruin.

Twenty-one pavilions not included in the exposition buildings also were burned.

The ruins of the exposition are now being guarded to prevent a recurrence of the looting that broke out last night. It is reported that a collection of diamonds, valued at \$300,000, was stolen during the progress of the fire.

Hearing Postponed.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the proposition of eastern railroads to advance nearly all freight rates, which was to have been begun today in New York, was this morning postponed until 10 o'clock on the morning of September 7. The delay was caused by the fact that the attorneys representing the railroads had been unable to complete their preliminary. The government and the shippers did not oppose the postponement.

The proposed tariff increases will amount, it is said, to more than \$500,000,000 annually. The advance is distributed among 413 transportation lines. The increases were to have been effective November 1, but were voluntarily withdrawn by the railroads pending the passage of the recently enacted railroad rate bill and the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Under a ruling by the commission, the burden of proof that the advance is necessary, will result on the railroads, which will therefore first present their side of the case.

The Strike in Columbus.

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—A division of opinion as to the method of proceeding against a settlement of the street car strike is today responsible for a practical suspension of negotiations. The rioting yesterday and last night was the worst since the strike began three weeks ago.

Mayor Marshall has advised the suspension of street car service at sundown. The influence of the Chamber of Commerce is thrown against this move on the ground that "there should be no temporizing with lawlessness."

The same organization is considering the advisability of asking the governor to return the troops to the capital.

The police force was unable to maintain even a semblance of order yesterday and last night. Cases were demonstrated by crews were stoned in every quarter of the city. An attempt to dynamite the South High street cars resulted in small damage.

There were 25 riot calls. Nine persons were injured and 31 arrests made. Eight more policemen have joined the revolt against Mayor Marshall's order to ride street cars.

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Gov. Harmon today directed Adjutant General Weybrecht to order to Columbus at once for riot duty in connection with the street car strike disorders, the First regiment, O. N. C., and Battery C, of Columbus.

Mysterious Robbery.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Detectives are today investigating a mysterious robbery at the home of Robert C. Brinkley, son-in-law of Joe G. Ray, former president of the Monon, in Winnetka. Brinkley, who is now with a family in Virginia, is custodian of Ray's documents. Official investigation of alleged graft in the car repair bills of the Illinois Central Railroad, of which Ray was former vice-president, is thought to be responsible for the ransacking of the Brinkley residence. Many valuables were passed by the thieves, but desks and drawers where the documents might be placed were ransacked.

Two Killed by a Giant.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 15.—John Burton, an Alton wrestler, son of George Burton, acting Mayor of Alton, killed two men Saturday night at Marine by strangling them in a fight. Burton says that Leo Wentz and an unidentified farmhand robbed him of \$20 and led him to the vacant house to spend the night. He discovered his loss, and in the dark house demanded his money. When they quarreled Burton says Wentz attacked him and the farmhand caught Burton by the leg. The three men rolled about the floor. Burton caught Wentz by the throat with his hand and the other man's head he caught between his legs. He choked both to death and then gave himself up.

THE CAVE-IN AT STAUNTON.

A reassuring official statement was given out yesterday at Staunton, and little further caving in is to be expected.

As a matter of fact, the only change in the physical condition is a slight caving of the edges. The city officials expect to begin work today boring in the neighborhood to see the character of the strata beneath, and exploring as far as is safe the three openings already there. Nothing so far has been done to repair the breaks. Crowds of sightseers went to town yesterday, all local trains being filled with people from nearby towns.

The following statement was given out yesterday by the mayor and other town officials:

"The cave-in which has occurred on Baldwin street at a point near Lewis creek, just beyond the northwestern limits of the business section of Staunton, lies across what some years ago was known as 'Stuart's frog pond,' a small pond in Mr. Stuart's meadow, and is caused by the falling of surface earth into a well defined channel upon bed rock following the general direction of Lewis creek. The fall or cave-in has an extreme length of two hundred and fifty feet and a breadth of 35 feet at the surface, the channel at the foot of the fall having a width of some 6 or 8 feet. The ground in this immediate locality is what is commonly known as made earth, being a marl formation covered with clay, ash, loam and debris of various kinds with which the old pond was filled in. While the extreme length of the fall is 255 feet, as stated, the subsidence is not continuous, the surface having remained intact at two intermediate points, leaving bridges across the channel about 30 feet in width. The depth from the street to the stream is from 40 to 45 feet. The immediate cause of the break is very evident, being merely the caving in of the soft material over and around the underground channel caused by excessive rain falls. This channel, now exposed to view probably is the old channel of the waters which fed Stuart's frog pond. Immediately beyond the present limit of the fall limestone rock occurs at 15 feet below the surface and is known to extend downward 802 feet."

"Immediately to the north of the fall, parallel to it and at a distance of not exceeding 50 feet, is the primary school building, which is erected on piles which are supposed to have been driven to solid rock. The destruction of property caused by this slide has not been very large, owing to the distance of the point where it occurred from the business center of the city. A portion of one of the city fire stations lies immediately above the slide and this must be made secure before any use can be made of the station.

F. R. Van Horne, of the United States Geological Survey, reached Staunton on Saturday to investigate the cause of the recent cave-ins.

In the opinion of Mr. Van Horne, the trouble was caused by the drainage from the surrounding hills. The district where the caves appeared is in a natural basin, under the surface. For some unaccountable reason the natural outlet was stopped, allowing the water to accumulate. This, he believes, softened the earth, and when the water was released it left a crust, which has gradually crumbled away. Mr. Van Horne does not credit the theory that the boring of a well for the Smith Fuel Company had anything to do with the trouble. He has suggested boring holes in both directions in which the cracks appear to locate the condition of the soil. If this proves the soil to be marl, he thinks there is great danger of more serious trouble. His advice is not very comforting to the officials or those living in the affected district.

PIRATES SHELLED.

Full details of the fighting at Colowan, near Macao, have been received in Victoria, B. C. The Chinese admiral, Li Chun, placed his fleet of nine gunboats under the Portuguese to assist the Vasco da Gama, Patria, Raina, Dona, Amelia and Macao in the bombardment and blockade of the island where the pirates were besieged behind the high mud walls of the village.

The pirates, after a week's bombardment, during which a number of fights between landing parties and the pirates took place, broke the blockade during a heavy storm at night, the majority making their escape. When the Portuguese and Chinese landing force rushed the walls of Colowan they found the place almost deserted.

FIRE AT EXPOSITION.

Fire swept the great Belgian exposition at Brussels last night. The flames were driven by a high wind and soon destroyed the Belgian, English and French sections. Two persons are dead and 30 injured. So far as can be learned the fire originated while there was the usual large Sunday crowd outside the building to look at the fireworks. It seems that the electric wires leading into the temporary postoffice in the Belgian section became short circuited and within a very few minutes the office was a mass of flames. This was about 9 o'clock yesterday evening. A few minutes after the fire was discovered the blaze was running fiercely along the facade, which is the most striking feature of that section.

Affairs at Beverly.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 16.—From all over the country leaders are flocking to Burgess Point and for the time being Beverly is actually eclipsing Oyster Bay as the mecca for politicians. Today President Taft is to see Judge Woodman, of Cincinnati, an old friend, and Leonard Osorron, former governor of one of the islands of the Philippines, when President Taft was governor general.

Tomorrow Senator Crane is coming to report to the president his observations on the state of the party in the west and the results of his conference with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

Vice President Sherman, and Representative Loudenslaer, of New Jersey, secretary of the republican congressional committee and Representative McKinley, of Illinois, chairman of the same committee are also expected. The president is golfing today with Congressman Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio.

Turkish Warship Sinks.
London, Aug. 15.—The Turkish warship Mansour sank today in a storm off the Turkish coast, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's. No details or news of the crew have been received.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

William M. Jones, for the past eight years the mayor of Petersburg, died Saturday night of tuberculosis of the bowels, after an illness of several months.

Rev. L. B. Kirby has resigned as pastor of the Rappahannock and Pope's Creek Episcopal churches, in Westmoreland county. The resignation will take effect at the close of this year.

While disrobing, preparatory to taking a bath, Mrs. Oliver Jones, of Toano, dropped dead yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Wood, in East Hampton.

George P. Munday, stenographer to Judge William F. Rhea, of the State Corporation Commission, on Saturday tendered his resignation to become secretary to United States Senator Claude A. Swanson.

Mrs. S. R. Blight, sr., died at her home, "Greenhill," near Haymarket, in Prince William county, last week in the 88th year of her age. She was a Miss Chapman and was the last of a large family. She is survived by four children.

Miss Belle G. Stone, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Stone, and Mr. George S. Witmer, son of Mrs. Roberta Witmer, of Washington, were married Saturday at the home of the bride, in Warrenton at 5 o'clock in the evening. Rev. B. S. Hinks of St. James' Episcopal Church officiated.

The Prescott spoke mills, which has been one of Manassas' most paying enterprises for twenty years, is now being dismantled for the purpose of shipment of the machinery, etc., to Poplar Bluff, Mo. This is made necessary from the scarcity of spoke timber within paying distance of transportation to Manassas.

Henry E. Lewis, a well-known Richmond mechanic, was stabbed by his son-in-law, Frank Rainey, at his home on the Mechanicsville pike, just outside Richmond, during a quarrel Saturday night, and died yesterday morning. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that death had been caused by wounds in the face and head and contributory heart and liver trouble. Rainey is out on \$500 bond. He surrendered immediately after the stabbing, having first called a doctor. He will probably be held to await the action of the grand jury.

DEATH OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war and the only woman who ever received the Order of Merit, died Saturday afternoon at her London home. Although she had been an invalid for a long time, rarely leaving her room, where she passed the time in a half-reclining position, and was under the constant care of a physician, her death was somewhat unexpected. A week ago she was quite sick, but then improved, and on Friday was cheerful.

Her funeral will be as quiet as possible in accordance with her wishes. During recent years, owing to her weakness and advanced age, Miss Nightingale had received but few visitors.

On May 12 last she celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and was the recipient of a congratulatory message from King George.

She was born in Florence, Italy, the daughter of an English gentleman. The family returned home soon to Lea Hurst, the Nightingale place in England, and here the young woman grew up. Her father had many medical books in his extensive library, and from these she read and studied, accumulating an unusual sort of education. Before she was seventeen, it is recorded, she was skilled in science, the classics, and mathematics; had a wide acquaintance with standard literature, and was a fair artist, a clever musician, and an excellent linguist, speaking French, German, and Italian.

When she was eighteen she was taken to London to be presented at court. She met Elizabeth Fry, the reformer, who had done much for the betterment of conditions in English prisons. It was by talking to this woman that Miss Nightingale was attracted first to the idea of hospital work. She spent nine years visiting the continental cities and studying their nursing sisterhoods. In 1851 she enrolled herself as a voluntary nurse in the training home at Kaiserwerth, in Germany. Later she studied in a Paris hospital, but her health broke down and she returned home to Lea Hurst.

The Crimean war started and it soon became known in England that the enemy was nowhere near so dangerous to the British troops as were the conditions of the camps and the hospitals in which the sick were put.

Sir Sidney Herbert, at the head of the war department, said it was a woman's task that had to be undertaken at the Crimea. In 1854 she left with a party of thirty-four nurses to take up the work.

The surgeons and officers at first fought her every effort, but she had the most lion-hearted courage, and she fought back. By dint of her persistence, and the real and great good that every day made it clearer she was accomplishing, she won them all over. When once the luck turned in her favor the British people could not do enough to show how they delighted to honor her.

Mysterious Death.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Ira Morrison, wife of a well-to-do cattle dealer, and a young doctor named Campbell, a roomer, were found dead in the Morrison home at New Germantown today. The man's body lay in the room he had occupied, while that of the woman was found lying face downward at the head of the stairs in the hall.

Whether a case of murder or suicide the authorities have not yet determined. Young Campbell is a son of Dr. Hans Campbell, of Path Valley, Franklin county, a physician widely known in this section.

Fifty Men Probably Killed.
Toronto, Aug. 15.—A dispatch from Massena, N. Y., says 14 men were killed there this morning by the falling of a concrete foundation of a power house. Some of the injured were brought to Cornwall, Ont.

An Ogdenburg, N. Y., dispatch says probably fifty are dead, that many being entombed.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The York County Savings Bank at Bideford, Me., closed its doors Saturday because of alleged irregularities in the accounts of its treasurer.

One of the leaders of the republican party in Barcelona says that Spain is on the verge of a revolution and he predicts the formation of a republic.

William A. Boyd, who was president of the Tobacco Board of Trade, of Baltimore, for 20 years, retiring in 1905 died Saturday at the home of his son, Isaac Denison Boyd, in Cumberland.

The physicians in attendance upon Mayor Gaynor say that if today passes without any unfavorable symptoms his recovery is assured. Prayers were offered for him in the New York churches.

Sergeant Mitchell, of Scotland Yard, and the two female wardens from Holloway jail arrived at Quebec yesterday to help Inspector Dew take Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen and Ethel Clare Le Neve back to London to be tried, charged with the murder of Belle Elmore. Both prisoners are anxious to return to England.

Four men were killed and half a dozen slightly injured when a Chesapeake and Ohio equipment train, coming from Deepwater Station, backed into a moving engine in Handley yards at Charleston, W. Va., late Saturday. Several trainmen were slightly injured. The yard engine and one coach were badly damaged. No responsibility for the accident has been fixed.

An excursion special train from Bordeaux, France, with 1,200 passengers, and running at a speed of 50 miles an hour crashed into a freight train at Saunjon yesterday. Thirty-two persons were killed and 100 injured. Many of the victims were schoolgirls. Several of the passenger cars were torn in splinters. A misplaced switch caused the accident.

Thomas Moore, 24 years old, of Jacksonville, Fla., a professional aeronaut, is in a hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa., with a fractured skull and broken limbs, the result of a parachute jump Saturday night. Moore was exhibiting on an open-air show, and after reaching a height of about 1,000 feet, cut loose with his parachute. It failed to open and he was dashed against the roof of a hotel.

Vadie Cook, aged ten, and Vadie Myers, aged six, were killed at Lake, a small village 12 miles south of High Point, N. C., yesterday, when in trying to avoid an approaching freight train they stepped in front of a fast passenger train. The little bodies were fearfully mangled. The mothers of the children witnessed the accident, but were powerless to save them.

Four men were killed and several slightly injured late Saturday night when a boiler on the steamer Phoenix, bound from Needle Rock to San Francisco with a cargo of bark, exploded, 9 miles north of Point Arena. Capt.